

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and in light of the following remarks and discussion.

Claims 1-15, 23-25, 33 and 34 are pending in the application. Claims 16-22, 26-32, 35 and 36 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 1, 8, 23 and 33 are amended. Support for the changes to the claims is self-evident from the originally filed disclosure, including the original claims, and therefore no new matter is added.

The changes to the claims are made in accordance with the Advisory Action mailed on April 5, 2006, which indicates that claims 1-15, 23-25, 33 and 34 would be allowable if the claims were amended as proposed in the Amendment after Final filed on March 17, 2006. In response, these claims are so-amended.

Finally, it is submitted that consideration of the references listed on the List of References Cited by Applicant with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 16, 2004, has not yet been acknowledged. It is requested that the Examiner return with the next Patent Office communication an initialed, signed and dated copy of the List.

Consequently, for the reasons discussed in detail above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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